

**COMBINED DECLARATION  
AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

**(Original, Design, National Stage of PCT, Divisional, Continuation or C-I-P Application)**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**METHOD OF PREPARING (S) - OR (R) - 3,3,3 - TRIFLUORO-2-HYDROXY-2- METHYLPROPIONIC ACID**  
This declaration is of the following type:

- original
- design
- national stage of PCT.
- divisional
- continuation
- continuation-in-part (C-I-P)

the specification of which: *(complete (a), (b), or (c))*

- (a)  is attached hereto.
- (b)  was filed on July 10, 1997 as Application Serial No. and was amended on *(if applicable)*.
- (c)  was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. PCT/EP97/03670 filed on July 10, 1997 and was amended on *(if applicable)*.

**Acknowledgement of Review of Papers and Duty of Candor**

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of the subject matter claimed in this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56.

In compliance with this duty there is attached an information disclosure statement. 37 CFR 1.98.

**Priority Claim**

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT International Application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT International Application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed

*(complete (d) or (e))*

- (d)  no such applications have been filed.
- (e)  such applications have been filed as follows:

PRIOR FOREIGN/PCT APPLICATION(S) FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS (6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO SAID APPLICATION			
COUNTRY	APPLICATION NO.	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	DATE OF ISSUE (day, month, year)
Switzerland	500/97	March 3, 1997	
Switzerland	1723/96	July 10, 1996	
			[ ] YES NO [ ]
ALL FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY, FILED MORE THAN 12 MONTHS (6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO SAID APPLICATION			
			[ ] YES NO [ ]
			[ ] YES NO [ ]
			[ ] YES NO [ ]

**Claim for Benefit of Prior U.S. Provisional Application(s)**

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

Provisional Application Number	Filing Date

**Claim for Benefit of Earlier U.S./PCT Application(s) under 35 U.S.C. 120**

*(complete this part only if this is a divisional, continuation or C-I-P application)*

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) or PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America that is/are listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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